# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota
## Office of the Governor

***Whereas***, Since 1885, the South Dakota Alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of local communities through programs and services that foster youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility; and,

***Whereas***, More than 58,300 people of all ages, races, faiths, abilities, and economic backgrounds in South Dakota benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programming designed to nurture the potential of children, improve health and well-being, and provide support for those in need; and,

***Whereas***, Over 27,800 South Dakota children are actively engaged in afterschool enrichment programs, early learning childcare, outdoor education at summer camp, youth sports with the focus on character development, swim lessons and water safety, teen leadership development, and arts education; and,

***Whereas***, YMCAs partner with over 30 community organizations to improve the health and well-being of South Dakota citizens in 28 counties through programs such as Live Well Black Hills, Parkinson's Wellness, Live Strong, and Y Diabetes Prevention Program; and,

***Whereas***, The South Dakota YMCAs provide over $1.5 million in direct financial assistance provided annually to enable individuals, children, and families to participate in programs that enhance their health and well-being, and no one is turned away for inability to pay; and,

***Whereas***, More than 2,700 individuals volunteer at the YMCA each year making the South Dakota Alliance of YMCAs one of the largest volunteer led and driven organizations in the state, and each YMCA in South Dakota is governed by a local volunteer board of directors who generously give of their time, expertise, and resources in order to strengthen our communities by addressing local needs:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2017, as

## YMCA DAY

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State